



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

MEDIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, Florida has been a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation; and

WHEREAS, administrative agencies and court programs use mediation to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, mediation empowers individuals to develop solutions to conflict that are tailored to their particular needs; and

WHEREAS, mediation is taught and practiced in many schools in Florida not only as a way of solving individual disputes but also as a means toward achieving a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, community-based mediation programs strengthen relationships by assisting in the resolution of neighborhood and community conflicts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 14 - 20, 2007 as *Mediation Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 22nd day of August, in the year two thousand seven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor